

MYTH vs. FACT on H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act

MYTH: This plan will cost jobs and stop economic growth

- This transition to clean energy is going to be a key driver for economic growth—unleashing private sector investment that will far outweigh government incentives.
- The measure will create millions of new American clean energy jobs that can't be shipped overseas -- whether it's installing solar panels, manufacturing wind turbines, or renovating homes for greater energy efficiency – as well as whole new industries.
- The clean energy jobs plan promotes building a smart grid and the production of clean electric cars. The plan includes incentives for farmers, agriculture, and forest owners, and provisions for retooling factories – a move that will breathe new life into America's manufacturing sector and assembly lines that have been left idle by this recession.
- Under the EPA's analysis of the bill, the nation gross domestic product grows robustly - from \$13 trillion in 2008 to over \$22 trillion in 2030, as clean energy technology is deployed and carbon pollution is reduced.

MYTH: This plan will harm manufacturing and ship jobs overseas

- This legislation will strengthen U.S. global competitiveness, helping America become the world leader in new energy technologies, while preventing American job losses to other countries.
- Reducing our carbon emissions will create good jobs manufacturing clean energy technologies, weatherizing and updating new energy efficient buildings, and making thousands of other products in America.
- A single wind turbine contains up to 400 tons of steel, along with 8,000 parts, from copper wire, gearboxes, and ball bearings to electronic controls. Jobs making these components must be created here in America. The clean energy jobs plan includes critical protection measures for American workers and businesses to prevent the shifting of jobs and pollution to other countries. Under the bill, energy-intensive, trade-exposed industries like paper will receive allowances to cover transition costs as America moves toward energy independence.
- The auto industry will also receive incentives to manufacture electric and other advanced technology vehicles.

MYTH: Rural Americans will be adversely impacted from higher energy prices under the bill.

- This legislation also creates an opportunity for forest landowners, farmers and ranchers, establishing a carbon offsets market that would allow them to create and sell carbon offsets to polluting entities. They would be paid for their land stewardship efforts – planting trees, preserving existing forests, no-till farming and other efforts that reduce global warming emissions.
- A viable carbon offsets market – one that rewards farmers, ranchers and forest landowners for stewardship activities – has the potential to play a very important role in helping America address climate change while providing a new source of revenue for landowners.
- Rural America is uniquely positioned to create the clean energy to power our economy. From wind turbines, to cellulosic biofuels and biomass energy, rural America's natural resources will create homegrown American energy.

MYTH: It is unfair for America to take action on climate change when some of the biggest polluters in the world, like China and India, are not.

- Action by the U.S. is crucial to putting pressure on China and India to become part of the world effort to address the climate crisis.
- We need to enact this bill to make sure that America, and not China, becomes the leader in new energy technologies that will create millions of new jobs and be needed worldwide over the next decade.
- A comprehensive energy bill will unleash investments in new clean energy technologies that can be manufactured here in America, used to reduce our pollution, and exported to nations like China and India.